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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

**PRAYER**

**PAPERS**

1. REPORT BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES AND HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS, 2026 (3RD EDITION), PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 267

**Mr. Speaker:** Deputy Speaker, proceed.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to table the report on the Standing Orders, 3rd Edition, of the County Assembly of Bungoma.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, the report by the County Assembly Committee on Procedures and House Rules on the revision of the County Assembly Standing Orders is hereby tabled. Attached to it are the proposed amendments and the Standing Orders. I urge Honorable Members to take time to go through these Standing Orders.

The House has planned to hold a Whole House retreat where we shall go through the Standing Orders and review them, including proposing amendments where necessary. This is important, Honorable Members. These Standing Orders are amended six months before the next general elections and will become effective in the next session. Therefore, what you are proposing and

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approving in these Standing Orders will not be used in the current House but will be applied in the next Assembly after the next general election.

I urge Members to take time to review them. My officers are preparing for that session so that when discussions and proposals arise, Members can take the initiative to examine them properly. In the last Assembly, we had an opportunity to propose amendments, but when we returned, there were no proposals from Honorable Members. As a result, committees were almost lost. The Public Investments Committee (PIC) was merged with the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), and the Trade Committee was created from the Lands Committee.

Members will be taken through the document, and I encourage you to study these Standing Orders at your own time. They have now been tabled and will also be subjected to public participation. I will ask the committee officers present to share them on your gadgets and through your emails accordingly. Thank you.

Hon. Ipara, you were in the House Business Committee. Please share the weekly program of the House with us. Next time when we assign an officer of the committee to undertake the work of the committee and you fail, I may be compelled to take punitive measures as Chair. When we agree to share the weekly program of the House, punctuality is required. Hon. Ipara, proceed and share with us the weekly program of the House as captured in our Order Paper. Let it be read so that we may proceed.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honourable Speaker, perhaps we can allow the Clerk to read it out, then I can proceed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, that is fine.

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

A STATEMENT INFORMING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THE WEEKLY BUSINESS COMING BEFORE  
THE HOUSE ON TUESDAY 10TH TO THURSDAY 12TH MARCH, 2026

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. We proceed, Hon. Ipara.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This is the tentative weekly program of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th March, 2026.

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**Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 – 2.30 p.m.**

**Papers**

1. A report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Trade Development Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
2. A report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
3. A report of the Auditor General on the Receiver of Revenue statements for the year ended 30th June, 2025, County Government of Bungoma.

These will be tabled by the Leader of Majority.

**Questions and Statements**

Statement No. 1 of 2026 – The Member for Ndalul/Tabani Ward, Hon. Timothy Chikati, will seek a response from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the status of the construction of the Ndalul Maternity Wing in Ndalul Tabani Ward.

**Motion**

A report of the Liaison Committee on the activities of the County Assembly Committees from July, 2025 to February, 2026  
This will be moved by the Chairperson of the Liaison Committee.

**Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 – 9.30 a.m.**

**Papers**

A report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training.  
This will be tabled by the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

**Notices of Motion**

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That this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training. This will be done by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Budget.

**Motion**

A report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing on the Taskforce Report on the Bungoma County Land Inventory 2019. This will be moved by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands.

**Wednesday, 11th March, 2026 – 2.30 p.m.**

**Papers**

A report of the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the summary of cases against the County Government of Bungoma. This will be tabled by the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice.

**Notices of Motion**

That this House adopts the report of the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the summary of cases against the County Government of Bungoma. This will be done by the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Justice.

**Motion**

A report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the report of the Auditor General on Kimilili Municipality for the financial year 2024/2025. This will be moved by the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

**Thursday, 12th March, 2026 – 2.30 p.m.**

**Questions and Statements**

A member of the House Business Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (a), will inform the House of the tentative program for the week commencing Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th March, 2026.

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## House Summons

It is notified that, pursuant to Section 18 of the County Assembly Powers and Privileges Act 2017, the County Executive Committee Member, the Chief Officer, and the Director in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, together with the Director of Public Works, shall appear before the House to respond to a question regarding the contract implementation status of the construction of Masinde Muliro Stadium.

## Motion

A report of the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of the financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

This is the tentative program for the week, and I hereby table it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ipara. Honorable Members that is the tentative Order Paper for the week, subject to changes by the House Business Committee at any time should any matters arise during the week.

## A STATEMENT IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF KANDUYI DEB AND MUKHAWELI ECDE CENTRES

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Cornelius. You were to receive feedback from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education. I believe I have a copy. Do you also have a copy? You do have a copy? Sorry, let me give you the microphone. Yes.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I have not been provided with a copy of the response, but I only have the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is scheduled today is the response. If the Chairperson of the Committee on Education is presenting a response, then the owner of the statement should also have a copy so that he understands what is being presented. You cannot claim to be responding to Hon. Cornelius while he has nothing in his hand to read. Therefore, it would not be proper for Hon. Wambulwa to present a response to Hon. Cornelius when he has nothing to refer to.

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Remember we agreed that Members should also have copies of such responses on their gadgets. Hon. Cornelius, can you first check your gadget and confirm whether you have received it?

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Honourable Speaker, they can confirm if they have sent it, but I have not seen it.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not referring to you alone, but to the entire House. We have the plenary wall. Can you check your email? Though I know some members rarely use their emails. I am told someone is assisting you with your gadget because it seems you are rather analog.

*(Laughter)*

Are you able to follow up on the same?

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Yes, Honourable Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** You should thank Hon. Chikati every time you see him around. Honourable Member, you may proceed.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** The document is on the committee wall for Education, not the general wall. However, the response is now here and I can go through it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Cornelius, if you now have the response, let us proceed and receive the feedback from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education. Proceed, Hon. Chikati.

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Thank you, Speaker. This is the response regarding the status of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECD centres.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee on Education and Vocational Training received a statement sponsored by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu, MCA for Khalaba Ward, in this House on 24th September, 2025. The statement was referred to the committee for a response pursuant to Standing Order 42(c).

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Allan Nyongesa, what is the issue? I see you are requesting to speak.

**Hon. Allan Nyongesa:** Honourable Speaker, we are trying to follow the response being presented, but what we currently have is only the statement itself containing the questions. We do not yet have the response, yet we also need to follow the proceedings.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is exactly what I said earlier. Hon. Cornelius, do you have the response?

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**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Not yet. What I have is the same statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** You are not being honest in the House. You earlier said you had the response and seemed quite pleased about it. Remember you are on record in the HANSARD.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** No. After going through the document, I realized it is the same question I have in hard copy, not the response.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will clear this confusion. The response will be scanned and shared shortly on the members' plenary wall. Let us set that matter aside for now.

Hon. Chikati, hold on for a moment. If someone was hoping to use this as an excuse to escape responding, that will not happen. The document will be scanned and shared through the Members' WhatsApp plenary wall, not email, since opening emails is a challenge for some Members. Let us proceed to the next item. Yes, Hon. Jack.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Point of Information):** Honourable Speaker, thank you. Regarding the response before us, I wish you had allowed Hon. Chikati to proceed. We met with Hon. Makhanu, together with the committee and the Education department, and agreed on all the issues he had raised. In fact, he was wondering why the matter was coming up again since he was satisfied.

**Mr. Speaker:** When he was wondering, you were only two of you. The rest of us were not present.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Yes. I informed him that even if we agree at the committee level, the response must still be presented on the floor of the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Cornelius, you sought the statement here and it must therefore be answered here. Hon. Jack, please hold on. Let us move to the next item.

#### STATEMENT ON UTILIZATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Jack. That is your statement. However, after reviewing it, it appears to contain elements that normally form part of quarterly reports, particularly items one, two, four and six.

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Nonetheless, I will allow you to proceed while I examine the contents alongside the quarterly reports. Proceed.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, climate change funds are designed to mobilize, manage, and deploy financial resources from both public and private sources to address global warming. These funds support key mitigation and adaptation projects aimed at reducing emissions and strengthening community resilience.

Accountability in the utilization of these funds is essential. It is important to ensure that these resources effectively reduce community vulnerability rather than being lost through administrative inefficiencies or financial impropriety.

Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources regarding the utilization of climate change funds within Bungoma County.

In the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:

1. **Total Disbursement:** Provide a comprehensive breakdown of the total amount of climate change funds received by the department from the 2022/2023 financial year to 31st December last year.
2. **Development Status:** Submit a detailed report on development allocations, including the implementation status of all projects and programmes funded under this kitty, disaggregated by ward.
3. **Distribution Criteria:** Clarify the criteria used to distribute climate-related interventions and resources across the various wards.
4. **Tree Seedlings:** Provide information on the status of tree seedlings planted by the department across the 45 wards between 2023 and 2025.
5. **Recurring Expenditure and Imprests:** Provide a schedule of recurrent expenditure, detailing all issued imprests, their surrender status, any outstanding balances, and the disciplinary or recovery actions taken by the Accounting Officer against holders of unsurrendered imprests.
6. **Fiscal Transparency:** Provide certified bank statements for the climate change fund accounts covering the period from 1st July 2022 to 31st December 2025.
7. **Additional Information:** Provide any other relevant information that may assist the House in assessing value for money and the impact of the funds on residents of Bungoma.

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Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Vice-Chair, Hon. Martin Chemorion, how much time do you require?

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Considering the nature of the statement and the scope of work required, particularly establishing the status of tree seedlings across all 45 wards, we request 21 days to respond. In fact, we have already asked the department to provide similar information and they requested time until April. The committee is already handling this matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are the issues the same as those in the statement?

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Yes, they are exactly the same.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jack, why should we duplicate work if the committee is already handling the matter and will present a report? What you should do is participate during the committee interrogation so that you are furnished with the necessary information. However, the report presented to this House must address the issues contained in your statement, as there may be additional matters raised here.

On the issue involving all 45 wards, I agree with you. You requested 21 days?

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** You are granted 21 days.

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** That means the feedback will be given by 26th March for the response Hon. Jack. If necessary, they may invite you to appear before the committee for clarification. However, we already have the report on the floor of the House.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Honourable Speaker, first, I am raising this matter as a concerned resident and as a representative of the people. The sectoral committee is indeed doing its work, but when I raise a concern, I should not be compelled to wait until the committee concludes its work.

I believe I have the right to receive a response because when I raise such an issue, it is because I am aware that there are concerns surrounding it. If I am expected to simply attend the committee

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as an ordinary member while the issue I raised on behalf of the House is under consideration, I do not think that would be fair.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jack Wambulwa, we have consistently directed Members who own statements to appear before the relevant committees for feedback. Hon. Cornelius is here and he appeared before your committee. Therefore, when the same process applies to you, the goalposts do not change.

What I am saying is that the committee should invite you to appear and share any information you may have. When the report is eventually presented, the matter you raised can be captured in it so that we move forward together. Yes, the next item.

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## MOTION

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE, 2025 IN RESPECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER AND CULTURE

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, as you observed yesterday, if we remove the ladies who are absent with permission, I still expect at least half of the remaining Members to be present. However, from what I can see, there is only the Majority Leader, Hon. Cornelius, and Hon. Kuloba present; three Members out of fifteen. Even if we attempted to stretch the situation slightly, we still cannot attain quorum.

*(Applause)*

Honourable Members, we must be fair to everyone in this House. We cannot allow Members to attend committee sittings and then disappear when the matter comes to the floor of the House. I am aware that some Members here attended the Liaison Committee with me, but when it comes to the plenary sitting, they sneak away and leave the Majority Leader to present the report on their behalf.

Therefore, Leader of Majority, we will withdraw this report and return it to the queue of the House Business Committee (HBC). If it was number thirty, it will now become number thirty-one. In the meantime, the committee responsible for this report will not proceed for any retreat until this report has been approved by the House.

*(Applause)*

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I personally spoke to the Chairperson and asked him to come to the House. If attending the Liaison Committee is important but appearing in the House to move one's own report becomes a challenge, then we cannot allow that situation to continue.

Leader of Majority, I apologize for this decision, but we must ensure that Members attend the sittings of this House. I even noticed that some Members were within the Assembly compound today attending committee meetings yet when the matter comes to the floor of the House, they disappear and leave the Majority Leader to salvage the situation.

I have therefore issued firm instructions. The committee retreat that was planned in the near future will be removed from the Liaison Committee schedule. Secondly, in the HBC Order Paper, this report will be placed back in the queue. It will not appear next week or the week after. If there is pending work until May, then it will appear in May so that the Chairperson and Members of the committee can wake up from their slumber.

Yes, what is your issue, Hon. Allan Nyongesa?

**Hon. Allan Nyongesa:** Honourable Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** And remember, in your case, you are also a Whip.

**Hon. Allan Nyongesa:** Honourable Speaker, please allow me to speak first. Your ruling is indeed law. However, my concern is that such a ruling may also affect other committees in the future. My concern, Honourable Speaker, is that some Members are present today; such as Hon. Nyongesa, Hon. Tendet, and Hon. Jeremiah yet in your ruling you have indicated that the committee will not go for a retreat until this report is approved.

This means that those Members who are present today will be punished for a mistake that is not theirs. In my view, Honourable Speaker, we should consider those who have attended because tomorrow it may be my committee where I am present but other Members are absent, and I will end up being punished for their mistake.

**Mr. Speaker:** Have you ever heard of the concept of collective responsibility? Hon. Allan, you are a Whip, and you should be the one ensuring that your Members are present.

**Hon. Allan Nyongesa:** Honourable Speaker, I cannot whip them from their homes. They must first be within the Assembly compound for me to whip them to attend the sitting. I cannot go to their homes and bring them here.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Deputy Speaker.

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**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Honourable Speaker, there comes a time when we must take our responsibilities seriously. The people of Bungoma elected us to sit in this House; nothing else. We were not elected to rush out to attend funerals or other activities when important matters affecting the people require our attention here.

**Mr. Speaker:** Deputy Speaker, confirm that none of my Honourable Members is a chief mourner in their village.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Honourable Speaker, we have reached a point where committees must now enforce discipline among themselves to ensure Members attend the House. We have tried everything else and it has not worked.

Therefore, each committee must now ensure that its Members are present. Even the Leader of Majority is here and remains quiet, which means he has accepted the situation. Let us therefore accept collective responsibility and work for the people of Bungoma. We were elected or nominated to serve here, not elsewhere.

Honourable Speaker, we support your ruling that the report be withdrawn and placed back in the queue, and that the committee be denied permission to go on retreat until it disciplines itself and Members take their responsibilities seriously.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Wafula Waiti.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Honourable Speaker, I am wondering why Hon. Chikati is guiding me on what I should say.

**Mr. Speaker:** Lately, I do not understand what he takes; he always seems very excited.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** He became very happy when he moved from the opposition to join the ruling side of the government. That is why he now sits on the government side and appears so excited.

Honourable Speaker, I want to commend your wisdom. I was wondering how our Majority Leader; whom I personally voted for; would stand here and be embarrassed while presenting such a comprehensive report without the presence of the committee Members who prepared it.

However, as we deliberate in this House, I appeal to you, as an elder, to also consider the three Members currently present and the seven women Members who are absent with your permission. They should not suffer the consequences for the actions of those Members who initially appeared here for the welfare of the committee but later disappeared. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

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**Mr. Speaker:** I have heard your sentiments. We will see how to address the situation of the three Members present; Hon. Tendet, Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, and Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, our Leader of Majority.

Going forward, Honourable Members, remember that between now and the next elections, this House will still have to pass two more budgets: the budget for this financial year and the budget for the 2027/2028 financial year. When you fail to attend House sittings, I truly do not understand where you are.

Let us proceed to the next item.

Clerks-At-the-Table ensure that this report is placed back in the queue of the House Business Committee in its proper order. It should not appear next week or the week after. Meanwhile, Committee Clerks for the Liaison Committee should remove the Gender Committee from any retreat plans because I will not approve any such memo.

Let us proceed. We return to a statement by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu. Hon. Jack.

You may now check your gadgets because the responses have been uploaded and we can make a follow-up. Hon. Chikati.

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. That was a good ruling and an important lesson for other committees.

Honourable Speaker, allow me to proceed with my response regarding the state of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECD centres.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee on Education and Vocational Training received a statement sought by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu, MCA for Khalaba Ward, in this House on 24th September 2025, which was subsequently referred to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders for response.

The statement concerned the renovation status of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECD centres.

Following this, the Committee wrote to the Department of Education through letter CAB/CC/SECT Vol.4 Vol.2 dated 30th September 2025, requesting a response.

The Department of Education later submitted its response through letter CG/BGM/CCM/CA Vol.3/76 dated 14th October, 2025.

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The committee analyzed the response and invited the owner of the statement on 21st October to deliberate on the response and determine whether it was satisfactory. During the meeting, the owner raised several issues that required clarification from the department.

In response, the committee invited the department together with the Works Officer for a consultative meeting through letter CAB/CC/4/VOL. (30) dated 27th October, 2025. The meeting was held on Monday, 30th November, 2025, at the County Assembly precincts to address the concerns raised by the owner of the statement.

However, the department did not adequately clarify the issues raised. The committee therefore resolved to invite the Works Officer and the Director of the Community Empowerment Fund to provide further clarification on the following matters:

1. Works that were to be undertaken at Mukhaweli and Kanduyi DEB ECDE centres.
2. The Bill of Quantities for the renovation works.

The department, together with the Public Works Officer and the Director of the Community Empowerment Fund, appeared before the committee following invitation letter CAB/CC/4(32).

The Works Officer informed the committee that he had prepared the Bills of Quantities and submitted them to the department to commence the procurement process and identify a contractor to undertake the works. He further informed the committee that the contractor had already been paid for the completed works and that he would visit the site to instruct the contractor to finalize the remaining tasks.

The Works Officer submitted a status report on the proposed renovation of ECDE classrooms at Mukhaweli and Kanduyi DEB Primary School in Khalaba Ward, Bungoma County under Negotiation Number 1660198-2024/2025.

In conclusion, the Public Works Department reported that:

1. Renovation works amounting to KShs 1,050,000 were fully documented and supervised in accordance with the approved scope.
2. The renovation of one classroom at Mukhaweli and one classroom at Kanduyi DEB had been completed and the facilities were already in use.
3. Mechanical and electrical works had been completed as indicated in the Certificate of Practical Completion.

Regarding the procurement of furniture, the Works Officer stated that this was the responsibility of the client department (the Department of Education), while the Public Works Department's role was limited to the renovation works.

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The Department of Education further informed the committee that JN Networks, which had won the tender to supply furniture, declined the offer due to pricing and specification constraints that made it impractical to supply the items within the quoted tender sum.

The department also informed the committee that the funds allocated for the procurement of furniture did not roll over into the current financial year. Therefore, funds would need to be allocated in the 2026/2027 financial year for a new procurement process to commence.

The owner of the statement was later invited again by the committee on 23rd February, 2026 in Committee Room Three, where he indicated that he was satisfied with the report. I beg to report.

Thank you. Hon. Jackson Wambulwa, MCA Kimaeti Ward, Chairperson - Committee on Education and Vocational Training. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Cornelius, I believe you have heard the response. The key issue for me is that the owner of the statement was invited by the committee on 23rd February, 2026 in Committee Room Three and was reportedly satisfied with the report. Can you confirm that position, Hon. Cornelius?

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to thank the Committee on Education for the responses provided. However, regarding the final statement where it is indicated that I was satisfied, that is not correct. I was not satisfied because the electrical component of the work had not been completed. We agreed that a follow-up would be made.

Up to today, those two classrooms still do not have electricity. Therefore, I do not understand how it is being stated that I was satisfied. I clearly indicated that although the renovation works had been done, the electrical installation had not been completed. Even today, the situation remains the same. In fact, I have just received a call from the teachers informing me that there is still no electricity. How can I be satisfied when the classrooms have not been connected to power?

**Mr. Speaker:** You are putting us in a very difficult position. We may be forced to refer to the HANSARD record of your appearance before the committee, because you are saying you never indicated that you were satisfied, yet the chair is stating that you were satisfied and did not raise any complaints.

Hon. Chikati, let us hear what transpired.

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Honourable Speaker, the Chairperson of the Education Committee is here...

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**Mr. Speaker:** No, Hon. Chikati! Once you begin responding, you take responsibility. Forget about the Chairperson of Education; you are now representing the committee. Proceed.

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Honourable Speaker, I would like to clarify that the committee has been handling this statement for the past three months, and during this period we have continuously engaged the owner of the statement.

It is true that on that particular date he appeared before the committee and indicated that he was satisfied. As stated in point number three of the report, the mechanical and electrical works were completed as indicated in the Certificate of Practical Completion. This means the works were completed, and on that day the owner of the statement confirmed that he was satisfied.

Unless he now wishes to raise additional issues, he would need to bring a new statement for the committee to consider. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chikati, I want to resolve this matter from both sides; the committee and the owner of the statement. That committee has a Hansard Officer. I will require the transcript of that meeting so that we can confirm whether he indeed stated that he was satisfied.

You cannot present a position in the committee and then change it later, Hon. Cornelius. I am not saying that you have changed your position, but it cannot work that way. Once you appear before a committee and confirm that you are satisfied, you cannot later change the goalposts.

The solution is simple. I will ask that the Hansard report of that meeting be brought to my office today. Once I verify it, appropriate action will be taken. If it turns out that you changed your position, the Chair has several options, including possible disciplinary measures. If it turns out that the committee misled the House, action will also be taken against them. Therefore, both sides should be prepared for whichever outcome emerges.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Honourable Speaker, all the responses were satisfactory except for the electrical component, which I clearly indicated was incomplete. Therefore, I cannot confirm that I was satisfied.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Cornelius, out of curiosity, if everything else was satisfactory, what then makes the report unsatisfactory?

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** The works have not been fully completed.

**Mr. Speaker:** But you said everything was okay.

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**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** I meant that the responses to the other issues were satisfactory. However, the final issue remains unresolved because the classrooms are already in use but they have no electricity. In our last meeting, the committee instructed the Works Officer and the Director to liaise with the contractor to ensure electricity was connected. Up to now, that has not been done.

**Mr. Speaker:** What I will do is ask the Chairperson of the Education Committee to follow up with the relevant officers in the department.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** I also requested the committee to visit the site so that they could verify the situation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me give you one piece of advice. If you want to live longer, avoid visiting some of these sites personally; you might find yourself in trouble, especially with matters related to land.

Therefore, Chair of Education, through the relevant departmental officers, ensure that the site is visited so that the remaining work is completed. We will have a mention of the matter in two weeks' time to confirm the status. Both you and Hon. Cornelius should follow up so that we can return to the House and confirm that electricity has been installed and the issue resolved. Are we together, Hon. Jack?

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Thank you, Speaker. In our discussions with the department, Hon. Makhanu indicated that he was satisfied, except for the issue of electricity. The department confirmed that the contractor had already been instructed to return to the site and complete the electrical installation. I believe the process is ongoing and by the time we revisit the matter, the connection should have been done. I will also make a follow-up.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. On 19th March, it will not be a full response but merely a mention to confirm compliance. Hon. Cornelius and the Chairperson of Education should take note so that the House can simply confirm that electricity has been installed and that the classrooms are now benefiting from it.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, with that, we will adjourn for now and resume next week on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

*The House rose at 3.21 p.m.*

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